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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **WITNESS AN AMAZING FORM OF MUSIC AT THE RWMF**

***Kuching, 22 April 2011*** – From the remote, northern tropical islands of Vanuatu, comes an extremely unique and rarely seen tradition, called water music. Dressed in traditional costumes of flowers and leaves, a small number of women wade into the water up to their waist, stand in the shape of a half moon and begin to play. The water is beaten in rhythmic dance of bodies and waves. The water itself is the instrument producing a wide range of sounds in intoxicating rhythms, with pieces titled “The Sound of Thunder”, “Big Whale Fish Playing with Small Whale Fish”, “Waves Breaking on the Reef”.

This is the **LEWETON WOMEN’S WATER MUSIC from VANUATU**. The music evokes the sounds their ancestors have lived with for thousands of years and the crescent formation reflects the way the women have worked standing in a semi-circle at the water’s edge, or in the river. The sounds they reproduce are the sounds of life and renewal: washing, bathing, collecting shellfish: interweaving the past completely with the present, with dreams of the future. This will be a rare glimpse into an ancient but living tradition and it is easy to lose yourself in the captivating rhythms and imagine you are sitting on one of the mystical tropical islands in the northern part of Vanuatu, in the South Pacific.

There's nothing quite like the Rainforest World Music Festival. A thousand harmonies seemingly at odds and yet in unison, a world apart but here, one world, together...

So witness all this at the 14th Rainforest World Music Festival to be held on the 8 to 10 July 2011. The festival brings dazzling performances from across the globe to the magical land of Borneo for three magical days of daytime music workshops and action-packed nightly shows.

Rainforest World Music Festival has also been voted for the second consecutive year as one of the Top 25 Best International Festivals by renowned world music magazine, *Songlines*, elevating its status in the international music scene as a festival which has well and truly put Sarawak on the world tourism map and extending its appeal to shores further from neighbouring countries.

If you have not purchased your tickets to the festival, now's the time to do so as promotional tickets are now available online and selling fast. Limited tickets for a 3 day pass to the festival will only cost RM260 during the promotional period whilst daily tickets for Friday and Sunday are going for RM85. All these promotional offers are limited and are available on-line until April 30, 2011 and on a first-come-first-served basis. These offers will be a great way to experience a truly memorable musical extravaganza amidst the lush green paradise that is Sarawak.

For purchase/booking/enquiries please call TicketCharge Hotline: +6 03-9222 8811 or at TicketCharge @ No 42A-1, Jalan Metro Pudu, Fraser Business Park, Off Jalan Yew, 55100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

For more details, kindly log on to [www.rainforestmusic-borneo.com](http://www.rainforestmusic-borneo.com).

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